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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY MOT FOLLOWING
SHIPPING TALKS: (TEXT CONVEYED TO EMBASSY ON SEPT 30.)

BEING TEXT:

BOTH PARTIES EXCHANGED THEIR RESPECTIVE VIEWS ON THE CODE OF
CONDUCT WHICH WAS ADOPTED IN APRIL IN GENEVA. THE POSITIONS
OF JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES ARE DIFFERENT SINCE JAPAN VOTED
IN FAVOR OF THE CODE AND THE UNITED STATES AGAINST IT. EACH
PARTY EXPLAINED THEIR POSITION AND AGREED THAT FURTHER COOPERA-
TION IN THIS AREA WOULD BE NECESSARY IN THE FUTURE.

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ASKED MRS. BENTLEY TO CONSIDER
FAVORABLY THE SPACE CHARTER AGREEMENT AND THE PACIFIC POOLING
AGREEMENT. MRS. BENTLEY, TAKING NOTE OF JAPANESE REQUEST,
INSISTED THAT THESE MATTERS MUST BE CONSIDERED IN CONJUNCTION
WITH OTHER ASPECTS OF MARITIME TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS SUCH AS
MALPRACTICES AND DUAL RATE SYSTEM.

SPEAKING OF MALPRACTICES, BOTH GOVERNMENTS AGREED THAT THEY
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MUST CONCERTEDLY MAKE FURTHER EFFORT TO IRON OUT SUCH

MALPRACTICES BY THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. ON THE DUAL RATE SYSTEM, MRS. BENTLEY INSISTED THAT 15 PERCENT SPREAD MUST BE ADOPTED IN THE CONFERENCES BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES, WHICH ARE OPEN CONFERENCES, AND WHICH HAVE TO FIGHT AGAINST OUTSIDERS, INASMUCH AS (WITH RESPECT TO) OTHER ROUTES TO AND FROM THE UNITED STATES, 15 PERCENT SPREAD IS IN EXISTENCE NOW. MRS. BENTLEY WANTED TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH ETC, AND SHE VISITED A COMMISSIONER, MR. TAKIGAWA, AT HIS OFFICE ANDHAD A TALK WITH HIM. IT IS AGREED THAT JAPANESE GOVERNMENT CONSIDER THIS MATTER VERY SERIOUSLY. THERE WERE OTHER TOPICS WHICH WERE DISCUSSED IN THE MEETING TO WHICH OTHER AGENCIES OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ARE RELATED, AND, CONSEQUENTLY, FOR WHICH DEFINITE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING WAS NOT REACHED. BUT IN THE MEETING DETAILED DEBATES WERE CARRIED OUT, AND MRS. BENTLEY SAID SHE WOULD WRITE A LETTER AFTERWARDS POINTING OUT SPECIFIC PROBLEMS, TO WHICH MR. SONOMURA PROMISED TO PAY DUE CONSIDERATION AND TRY TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

END TEXT.

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